

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2003, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by September 19, 2003.

Claims 10-15 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to on grounds that Figures 1, 2A, and 2B require descriptive text labels accompanying the blank boxes. Claims 10-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 10-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,675,676A to Takanabe et al.

Looking first at the objection to the drawings, the Figures 1, 2A, and 2B have been amended to add text labels in the blank boxes, as requested.

With regard to the rejection of claims 10 and 15 under Section 112, second paragraph, the objected-to phrase has been delete to more clearly describe the display parameters both in claim 10 and 15.

Turning now to the rejection of the claims under Section 102, the Applicants respectfully disagree that the cited reference to Takanabe anticipates the present invention as defined in claims 10-15.

The present invention is directed to a method for representing a section of a travel route calculated by a motor vehicle navigation apparatus on a display.

Such methods are basically known in the state of the art, including the Takanabe reference, as described in the specification of the present application.

With these methods, typically the entire travel route in the travel direction in front of the vehicle is shown on the display.

However, in the present invention, another goal is intended. Specifically, the goal of the present invention is to determine for the vehicle driver an improved orientation with approximation to a decision point. A decision point is designated as a point on the calculated travel route, on which a drive instruction, for example, a turn-off suggestion, should be output for information to the driver. The improved orientation provides that with increasing approximation to the decision point, increasing details are represented, for example, entire driving paths of an actual traveled street, eventually turn-off paths, so that the driver can be prepared in advance for a turn-off process.

This is achieved in the present invention, in that according to claim 10, the route between the actual current vehicle position and the next decision point lying on the calculated route is represented in the largest possible scale. The decision point, therefore, is made concrete, in that this is a point on the calculated route, at which driving instruction, for example, a turn-off suggestion, should be provided to the driver as information.

The patent to Takanabe fails to disclose all of these elements of claim 10. Takanabe proposes that always the route between the actual location of the vehicle and the destination provided by the user of the actual trip should be shown in the greatest possible dimensions. The input destination, however, is not comparable with the next decision point, as defined in the present invention. Takanabe corresponds essentially with the state of the art described in the

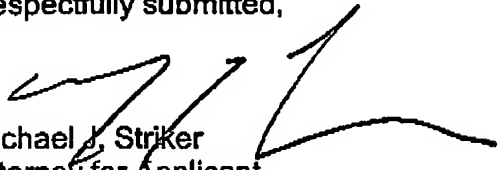
specification of the present application. However, Takanabe contains no suggestion of the above-described features of claim 10 and also fails to offer the solution proposed by the present invention.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10-15 are patentable over the Takanabe reference. The Applicant further requests withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 and reconsideration of the claims as herein amended.

In light of the foregoing arguments in support of patentability, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application stands in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

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